

REMARKS

The Office asserts:

At page 9 of the response received 20 March 2006 applicant's representative asserts that claims "7, 18-20, and 34-47 are pending." A review of the claim listing that accompanied the response, however, finds that claims 7, 18, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 44, and 45 are pending. Given this inconsistency, it is unclear what applicant's intentions are as it relates to claim amendments/cancellations.

In response, Applicants note that the paragraph, on page 9 of Applicants' March 20, 2006 response, referred to by the Office sets forth the status of the claims before entry of the amendments made in the March 20th response. Applicants, under the heading "Amendments to the Claims" at the top of page 10 of the March 20th response state that claims 19, 20, 36, 39, 42, 43, 46, and 47 have been canceled. As such, after entry of the amendments set forth in Applicants' March 20th response, claims 7, 18, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 44, and 45 are pending, and these claims, as amended, are provided at pages 3-8 of Applicants' March 20th response. For all the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the response does not contain an inconsistency and request examination of claims as amended in the March 20th response.

CONCLUSION

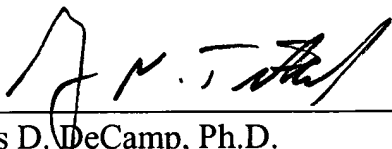
Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and this action is hereby respectfully requested.

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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